

# United States Senate

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Chairman Leahy and Vice Chairman Shelby:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Menendez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

ROBERT MENENDEZ  
United States Senator

Congressionally Directed Spending Requests Submitted to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies					
MEMBER	INTENDED RECIPIENT (listed in alphabetical order)	INTENDED LOCATION	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED (in thousands, \$000)
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	180, Turning Lives Around, Inc.	Hazlet	2NDFLOOR youth text/helpline initiative	2NDFLOOR provides support to children in Monmouth County and statewide in New Jersey through its telephone and innovative text-based supports that connect with youth on the issues affecting them using the means with which they are most comfortable communicating them. Funding is requested to enhance access to counseling services for youth by expanding training and staffing of the text/hotline/message board; for education, outreach, and materials development; and for software/IT upgrades related to the service.	\$500
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	4Cs of Passaic County	Paterson	4Cs of Passaic County Early Childcare	The 4Cs of Passaic County seeks to collaborate with the Paterson Alliance on a project that will improve the accessibility of early childcare and education for families in need in New Jersey. The project's goal is to continue helping families access the resources and services available to them to ensure that their children receive quality care and pre-K education.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Atlantic Cape Community College	Mays Landing	Aviation Advanced Training Device for Atlantic Cape Community College	Funding is requested to purchase a Frasca FAA Level 5 Advanced Training Device (flight simulator) that accurately simulates a Cessna 172, the most common entry-level training aircraft. This new equipment will build the capacity of the College's Professional Pilot Flight Training Program and provide an educational tool for K-12 STEM programs in the region.	\$469
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Atlantic Cape Community College	Mays Landing	Mobile Unmanned Aircraft Systems Fieldwork Laboratory	Atlantic Cape Community College will enhance workforce preparation within its Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) training program by purchasing a mobile remote sensing laboratory. The project will support experiential learning activities; the future sUAS workforce in Atlantic County and Cape May County; and the broader southern NJ region. Acquisition of this equipment will advance students' skills in sUAS mission planning and execution, geospatial data collection and processing, precision agriculture and survey mapping. The project will also provide outreach activities to high schools in the region.	\$353
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Atlantic Health System -- Morristown Medical Ctr	Morristown	Morristown Medical Center Emergency Department Modernization	Atlantic Health's Morristown Medical Center is seeking federal assistance to complete the comprehensive modernization and renovation of the Emergency Department with health IT technology patient monitoring and tracking equipment. The Emergency Department has not undergone a major renovation since 2011, and advances in technology and basic upgrades are	\$1,500

				necessary for equipment and infrastructure that is already beyond its expected useful life.	
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Atlantic Health System - Newton Medical Center	Newton	Newton Medical Center Emergency Department Behavioral Health Suite Expansion	Funding is requested to construct emergency behavioral health suites that includes five private rooms in a secure area, with an adjacent overflow area to accommodate patient increases. These behavioral health patients need specialized treatment areas that sequester them from patients having medical emergencies, and where they do not have the ability to leave or access potentially harmful equipment and medications from a standard ED treatment space.	\$750
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	AtlantiCare Health Services Mission Health	Atlantic City	AtlantiCare Health Services Mission Health Center Dental Practice	Funding is requested to construct a new dental practice primarily aimed at serving communities that have traditionally been unable to receive these critical services. The three-story, 69,700-square-foot AtlantiCare Medical Arts Pavilion will significantly expand AtlantiCare's resources for increasing access to care and addressing health care disparities. With the creation of a Dental Clinic to complement the other health services in the new Medical Arts Pavilion, AtlantiCare will be able to offer a multidisciplinary approach to meet the diverse challenges of the community.	\$1,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Bancroft Neurohealth	Gloucester County	Expanding Access to Services and Community for Adults with Severe Autism	Funding will be used to increase and expand access to appropriate services for individuals with severe autism by adding capacity, programming and training for clinicians and support staff to treat this vulnerable population. The program will serve 64 existing high-acuity residents and will add an additional 10 residents, bringing the total served to 74 vulnerable residents.	\$450
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Bergen New Bridge Medical Center	Paramus	Behavioral Health Emergency Department Expansion	The Bergen New Bridge Medical Center is requesting funding to expand its Emergency Department to better respond to the increased community mental health needs. The investment is essential to ensure the ability of the County's safety net facility to treat the vulnerable and underserved populations in the County while being a resource for all residents' emergency needs, both mental health and medical.	\$500
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Bloomfield College	Bloomfield	Bloomfield College's Holistic Student Support Services	Bloomfield College is requesting funding to implement a system of student support services in FY 2022 aimed at fostering student success and bolstering retention for 30 students. The holistic, student-centric system will include academic and financial advising, tutoring, career exploration and professional development, student memberships to professional organizations, and internship opportunities.	\$500

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Brookdale Community College	Lincroft	Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity Education	Brookdale Community College is seeking funding to establish a Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity Education (CECE) in order to expand career and technical education in the high-growth fields of networking and cybersecurity. Funding will be used to purchase industry standard equipment, technology and furniture providing expanded and appropriate teaching spaces. Classrooms will be designed with integrated audio/video capabilities that will enable the classrooms to be linked together and allow students to participate remotely; and the Center will be equipped with computers with dual monitors, an expanded virtual lab environment for hands-on learning, and a secure operations center. Funding will also support the salaries a Center Director and a Net Lab Administrator.	\$439
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Caldwell University	Caldwell	Nursing Upgrades Resulting in Student Excellence	Funding is requested to purchase three new SimManikins (simulation mannequins) and related software. This system offers hands-on immersive training; lab equipment and supplies including IV pumps and pocket nurses; medical carts and wall units; twelve low fidelity, ethnically diverse mannequins to fill every bed in the lab; and a large screen for demonstrations. These enhancements will allow professionals to more adequately train students in the nursing and public health majors.	\$475
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Caldwell University	Caldwell	Academic Business Center	This proposed project will expand Caldwell University's Academic Business Department by creating a state-of-the-art Business Center that will increase the enrollment in the major and attract new students. Funding will be used to purchase Bloomberg terminals, electronic stock tickers, upgrade computers and network, and for the construction and outfitting of classroom space into an Academic Business Center, a second case-study, smart classroom, and additional classroom technological and equipment renovations.	\$486
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Capital Health System	Trenton	Capital Health Mobile Simulation Lab	Funding is requested to purchase supplies for the Mobile Simulation Lab in order to train Capital Health health care employees as well as residents of Mercer County. The Mobile Simulation Lab will enable Capital Health System to offer robust, hands on programming throughout the city, while meeting the training needs of their health care workers. Capital Health offers community education in Trenton and surrounding areas.	\$558
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Capital Health System	Trenton	Capital Health Family Health Center	The Capital Health Family Health Center is requesting funding for upgrades and improvements to the Center. This project will increase access and create a more welcoming environment. Capital Health Family Health Center offers obstetric, pediatric and adult health care services in three separate patient care areas. Additionally, community partners also offer services at the center, including: Henry J. Austin Health Center, Latino community outreach program (CUNA), HealthStart prenatal	\$925

				services program (including prenatal testing and ultrasound), the BraVa program, and the Mercer County Tuberculosis services.	
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Jersey City	Jersey City	Integration and Career Advancement Program	The Jersey City Division of Immigrant Affairs is requesting funding to expand their Integration and Career Advancement Program. The program is designed to help new refugees, long-term residents, and newly naturalized citizens find specialized training, access to professional accreditation, and entrepreneurial supports.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Deborah Heart and Lung Center	Browns Mills	Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine	Funding is requested to acquire a Cardiac MRI machine that uses strong radio wave magnets to create detailed pictures of the heart without using radiation. It is a painless test with no harmful side effects. Deborah Heart and Lung Center has the highest Case Mix Index in NJ, meaning it treats the most complex cases in the region. By using Cardiac MRI, Deborah's medical staff will further improve the clinical care of patients. Deborah is located in a Medically Underserved Area/Medically Underserved Population as defined by HRSA. There is no other hospital in this region that has Cardiac MRI and this equipment will provide access to cutting edge health care for many individuals from typically underserved populations.	\$1,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Essex County College	Newark	Essex County College - Mentoring and Support for Students	Essex County College seeks funding to support mentoring low income and minority students for the purpose of retention and completion of certificate or Associate degree and social economic advancement. This project will build a pilot program that streamlines students' transition into the College and first-semester experience in ECC. The program, M.A.P.S. (Mentorship, Alignment, Preparedness, Support) is structured to address the barriers that prevent students' successes.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Georgian Court University	Lakewood	Georgian Court University Nursing Simulation Equipment & Training	Funding is requested to purchase simulation lab equipment, including Adult HAL Patient Simulator, Pediatric HAL, Alaris Pumps, Bladder Scanner, and a Medication Dispensing Cabinet, for GCU's School of Nursing to improve nursing education for students. The funding will support training for faculty through the Harvard Healthcare Simulation Essentials course to enable instructors to bring real-life clinical experiences to students in a safe, controlled environment. The project will provide enhanced clinical hands-on learning for NJ's future nurses.	\$193

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Hackensack Meridian Health	Perth Amboy	Raritan Bay Medical Center - Perth Amboy - ER Monitoring System	Funding is requested to purchase emergency room monitoring systems for 30 patient bays at Raritan Bay Medical Center - Perth Amboy. The current monitoring system is 22 years old and the manufacturer no longer supports the monitoring system with service, software upgrades, or spare parts. Perth Amboy is a medically underserved community with the 2nd highest proportion of Hispanic residents in New Jersey at 78 percent and relies heavily on the Medical Center for care in the community.	\$989
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Hackensack Meridian Health	Brick Township	Ocean Medical Center Cardiac Catheterization Lab Expansion	Funding is request to purchase equipment for Ocean Medical Center's (OMC) Cardiac Catheterization Lab Expansion. OMC estimates that the current community requirement for cardiac catheterizations is 12-13 cases per day. This casework volume will diagnose approximately 600 patients every year who will have blockages that will require angioplasty.	\$1,200
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Hudson County Community College	Jersey City	North Hudson Campus Technology Advance	Funding will be used to equip and staff seven classrooms on HCCC's North Hudson Campus (NHC) with Immersive Telepresence Video (ITV) synchronous learning classroom technology systems. This system will connect remote students to in-class learning from home or across classrooms, and campuses and improve the educational experience by reducing student travel and keeping students on their home campuses. ITV will allow HCCC to increase the number of certificates and degrees offered fully at the NHC and reduce the class cancellation rate.	\$980
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Inspira Health	Mullica Hill and Vineland	Inspira Health Facility and Equipment Enhancements for Cardiac Care	Funding is requested to expand and upgrade cardiac services for Inspira Medical Center - Mullica Hill, located in Gloucester County and Inspira Medical Center - Vineland located in Cumberland County. Mullica Hill will only require medical equipment, while Vineland will require construction of additional space. Specifically, Vineland calls for a new space of 6,200 sq. ft. to accommodate pre-staging and post-recovery positions, which include an increase of 3 open bays to 6 open bays.	\$1,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Ironbound Community Health Center	Newark	Ironbound CHC Renovation and Equipment	Funding will be used to renovate 9 examination rooms/clinical support areas and purchase medical equipment to better serve and expand the needs of the medically underserved Newark community. This project will give the Ironbound Community Health Center a chance to make important strides in serving medically underserved residents with underlying health conditions who have been disproportionately affected by the COVID pandemic.	\$550

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Jewish Renaissance Foundation	Edison	Community Health Center Expansion	Funding is requested to purchase a larger facility approximately 10-15 thousand square feet with additional examination rooms for medical, dental and behavioral health services. This will help to service more patients within the Middlesex County area that are low- income, underserved, underinsured and uninsured to receive primary and preventative health care. This will also allow the Jewish Renaissance Foundation to combine its Community Action Agency staff with its Federally Qualified Health Center staff all in one building to improve patient services.	\$1,500
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Lakewood Resource and Referral Center	Lakewood	3D Mammography	The Lakewood Resource and Referral Center (LRRC) has provided health care services to the residents of Lakewood Township and the surrounding areas as a Federally Qualified Health Center since 2009. Funding will be used to purchase a 3D Mammography machine for CHEMED Health Center in Lakewood. This will ensure equitable access to safe, accurate preventative screening for all women regardless ability to pay.	\$500
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Latino Action Network Foundation	Freehold	Capacity Building for NJ Latino Communities in Housing Crisis	The Latino Action Network Foundation (LANF) works to unite New Jersey's diverse Latino communities, and to advance economic and social empowerment. Funding is requested to build capacity for Latino Community Based Organizations to provide housing advocacy, outreach, and education to NJ Latino communities facing eviction and experiencing housing crises.	\$500
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Local Initiative Support Corporation - LISC Newark	Camden, Trenton and Union County	LISC Greater Newark's Financial Opportunity Centers	Funding is requested to expand financial empowerment services for 1,000 low-income, economically vulnerable families. Financial Opportunity Centers offer integrated services that will be essential to an inclusive recovery such as employment and job readiness training and placement; income and asset building supports by increasing access to SNAP benefits; housing assistance; energy assistance and EITC; financial stability through coaching and planning, credit building, household budgeting, connecting to mainstream, safe and affordable financial institutions and products.	\$1,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Metropolitan Family Health Network, Inc.	Jersey City	Health Center restoration and improvements	The restoration will include improvements to portions of the 70-year old exterior and 27-year old interior of the health center including an enhanced HVAC system to improve air quality, roof replacement, refurbishing of the building exterior, additional parking to increase access to care, exterior lighting to improve safety, and equipment upgrades to enhance the quality of care. The funding requested will renew and restore a vital part of Jersey City's public health infrastructure that is closest to the communities that are in the greatest need and typically the hardest to reach. The improvements will fortify the center's ability to respond to the healthcare needs of the community.	\$798

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Middlesex NJ Vocational and Technical Schools	East Brunswick	Agriculture and Aquaculture Workforce Training Initiative	Through the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools, this program will provide youth with the resources to pursue agricultural and aquaculture careers while inspiring community service through the program's ancillary goal of addressing food insecurity. Funding will be used to update the curriculum, expanding work-based learning and industry partnerships to create the workforce of tomorrow as small business owners.	\$300
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Monmouth University	West Long Branch	RWJ Monmouth Medical Center Linda Grunin Simulation Lab and Learning Center	Monmouth University is seeking funding to support equipment and operation support for a new Healthcare Simulation Laboratory. The Linda Grunin Simulation (SIM) Lab at Monmouth University was developed to support education for students training to enter healthcare fields, as well as continued education for Monmouth Medical Center (MMC) clinicians. The SIM Lab provides state-of-the-art training to Monmouth University's nursing, physician assistant, and occupational therapy students as well as RWJ-Monmouth Medical Center's resident physicians and medical students.	\$925
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Newark	Pre-Apprenticeship Training	NJIT, in collaboration with its recruitment, industrial employment, and registered apprenticeship program partners, proposes to develop, implement and test two comprehensive pre-apprenticeship skill-training programs, one in advanced manufacturing and process technologies, and another in 3D design and printing for rapid prototyping. Funding will be used to directly support pre-apprentice participants in the form of stipends, course materials, faculty compensation and production and material costs. NJIT will recruit a diverse pool of participants, primarily individuals 16 to 30 with a strong focus on dislocated workers and disadvantaged students, from the Greater Newark area.	\$600
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	New Jersey Performing Arts Center	Newark	Arts Education Research Lab	Funding is requested to provide for operating costs (staff, faculty and program expenses) for professional development for educators, research in arts education and evaluation of New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC)'s innovative arts education programs in FY22. This program will expand and scale NJPAC's work in professional development for educators and research in best practices in maker-based arts education, creating deeper and longer lasting impact for participating school systems, which are largely Title 1 schools, as well as the field of arts education.	\$700



Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	North Hudson Community Action Corporation	Union City	NHCAC 21st Century Community Learning Center	The North Hudson Community Action Corporation (NHCAC) proposes to expand access to its afterschool and summer programs to include 25 pre-K through 3rd grade students from high-poverty, low-performing schools and employ 10 low-income parents in its 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) program. The funding will be used to pay salaries and purchase educational materials and technology needed to facilitate an afterschool and summer academic enrichment program for underserved youth. The investment will help students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects.	\$80
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Ramapo College of New Jersey	Mawah	Job Training and Certificate for Adults With Autism	Funding is requested to create a certificate and hydroponic farm on the Ramapo College campus, where adults with autism and Ramapo College students can gain skills in vertical farming, an emerging growth industry in NJ. Ramapo College and the REED Foundation for Autism entered into a partnership that provides job training, volunteer opportunities, and paid employment for adults with autism so that they can live a more independent, fulfilling life. Ramapo College will work with REED to develop the courses for the certificate program, which will be open to both higher-functioning young adults with autism and currently enrolled Ramapo College students. Funding will also be used pay up to 10 adults with autism to participate in paid job training in the farm.	\$455
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Rowan University	Camden	Camden Academy Initiative Dual Credit Stem Project	Funding is requested to purchase science lab equipment for Rowan's facilities in Camden City in direct support of dual-credit classes for HS students as part of the Camden Academy Initiative. Equipment includes 3-D printers and scanners for the fabrication labs, VR equipment for simulation labs, and project-based learning lab upgrades for the pre-med/pre-health courses. The Academy Initiative will create pathways to college leading to jobs; expand the pool of college-bound Camden City HS graduates; ensure graduates are ready to enter college and succeed; and, through the dual credit program, lessen the cost and shorten the time to graduation for students who matriculate at Rowan.	\$750

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Rutgers University–Camden	Camden	Rutgers Acceleration and Renew Academy	Funding is requested to support Rutgers Acceleration and Renew Academy that will prepare and deploy a corps of Education Ambassadors, trained college students, to provide high-intensity tutoring, at least 50 minutes daily to assist students in increasing their math and language arts literacy skills and provide social and emotional support to the K-12 students. The Rutgers-Camden students will be trained in effective tutoring strategies and trauma informed approaches to ensure that they have a full understanding of the impact COVID has had on Black and Latinx youth, especially those who live in low-income communities where COVID has had a devastating impact.	\$380
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	Camden, Newark, New Brunswick	Center for Educational Equity at Rutgers	Funding is requested to expand Rutgers' ability to support the success of first-generation, low-income, and historically underrepresented students who reside in New Jersey and those that matriculate to the university. This will help prepare more students within the state to attend college and increase the university's ability to more effectively recruit, retain, and develop communities that have been traditionally underserved. The Center for Educational Equity will foster statewide collaborations to reduce equity gaps and improve educational outcomes for underserved students.	\$500
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Saint Elizabeth University	Morristown	Hyland Hall Accessibility and Technology Upgrade	Funding is requested to redesign the facility's excessively steep steps and replace outdated classroom seating that is worn and beyond its expected useful life and construct accessible ramps, purchase and install modular furniture and new presentation technology with remote learning capabilities. This will reduce barriers for faculty, students, and persons from the general community to access healthcare education provided by programs in nursing, foods and nutrition, physician assistant, and health care management to both campus and outside community attendees.	\$520
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Saint Peter's University	Jersey City	Center for Child and Human Development at Saint Peter's University	Saint Peter's University seeks to create a Center for Child and Human Development to address community needs through jobs preparation, education, youth and family services, teacher and parent training and social policy research. Funding will be used to improve the access and quality of postsecondary education including hiring and training faculty, establishing degree programs and implementing partnerships with school districts and nonprofits, including the creation of parent, teacher and community resource centers.	\$1,100

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	School for Children with Hidden Intelligence	Lakewood	Universal Exercise-Therasuit Mobility Therapy Treatment Equipment Initiative	Funding is requested to purchase Universal Exercise / Therasuit Mobility Therapy Treatment Equipment and hire physical therapists so the School for Children with Hidden Intelligence can adequately serve current and future student populations with multiple disabilities. The requested equipment will enable the school to strengthen student mobility for the growing number of disabled and low-income students so they can better participate in life-skill training.	\$495
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Seton Hall University	South Orange	Creating Access and Readiness for Excellence and Success	The Creating Access and Readiness for Excellence and Success (CARES) program aims to increase first-year, first-generation, Pell-eligible students' academic integration, retention rates, GPAs, and progress towards degree attainment. It will implement a multi-interventional model of student supports to increase access and readiness for academic excellence and success. It will provide increased academic supports including tutoring, advising, mentoring, supplemental instruction, as well as study skills workshops, a bookstore voucher and a Summer Bridge Program.	\$900
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	SPAN Parent Advocacy Network	Newark	Supporting Families in School Reopening	Funding is requested for additional staff to provide intensive assistance to families whose children did not benefit from remote instruction (particularly children with disabilities, limited English proficiency, low income, and/or of color) and who need academic, social-emotional, and other supports to transition effectively back to in-person schooling. The goals of this project are to promote informed, effective family participation in the education of their at-risk children, through information, training, technical assistance and support tailored to meet their unique and diverse needs.	\$398
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	SPAN Parent Advocacy Network	Newark	Sister to Sister Community Doulas	The SPAN Parent Advocacy Network of New Jersey (SPAN) seeks funding to provide intensive support to pregnant black/African-American and other women of color to improve birth outcomes, reduce Black infant and maternal mortality and morbidity, increase breastfeeding, and lessen birth defects and developmental disabilities. This assistance will include connecting them to health coverage, healthcare providers, economic supports, emotional support, and breastfeeding information; helping them to prepare for the birth; accompanying them to the birth; supporting immediate breastfeeding and mother/father/child physical connection; and helping them to navigate the entire birth process.	\$500

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Spectrum360	Verona	Let's Get to Work	Funding is requested to support creating a new vocational space, equipment and staff salaries to run individual and group training sessions to increase positive hiring outcomes for adults with autism and related disabilities. The new space will provide three rooms with designated areas to enhance training and to promote skill development. Along with soft skills training in communication, social skills and financial literacy, clients will be trained in pre-vocational, art, industrial arts and fitness activities. These programs will meet the current needs of ID/DD individuals and create employment opportunities.	\$306
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Stevens Institute of Technology	Hoboken	Accessing Careers in Engineering and Sciences	Stevens Institute of Technology seeks to expand its Accessing Careers in Engineering and Science Initiative (ACES) program for talented high school students with significant financial need, particularly underrepresented minorities to pursue STEM studies. Funding will support partnerships and training for high schools; scholarships, technology, and materials for high school students to attend residential, summer and school year STEM programs; and financial, academic, and mentoring support for undergraduates to promote retention, graduation, and transition to a successful career.	\$750
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	TechUnited: NJ	Princeton	BetterFutureLabs	BetterFutureLabs is a multifaceted statewide initiative in partnership with Princeton University to cultivate the next generation of diverse tech leaders from New Jersey. The program is designed to identify, cultivate and recruit secondary school students, especially from typically underserved communities to go to college and eventually pursue careers in tech. This will be accomplished by mentorship, hands-on experiences and participation at industry events around the state. University students from higher education institutions across the state, including NJ City University, Rutgers, Stevens, NJIT, Rowan, Princeton, Montclair State University, Drew, and other public institutions will also participate.	\$1,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	The ARC of Essex County	Fairfield	Studio Arc for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Funding is requested to purchase professional-grade art equipment, supplies, and furnishings for a leased commercial space converted into a creative and performing arts facility. Funding will also cover the annual salary of a full-time Activities Director hired to manage the creative and performing arts program, teach classes, train staff and volunteers, and maintain scheduling of studio space for program participants, both beginners and more advanced level artists, with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).	\$426

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	The Kessler Foundation	West Orange	Development of Remote Access for the Kessler-Foundation modified Story Memory Technique	Funding is requested to develop a cloud-based treatment protocol and mobile app based on the Kessler Foundation modified Story Memory Technique (KF-mSMT), a 10-session treatment paradigm that teaches the use of context and imagery to facilitate memory. This project will decrease barriers to treatment by allowing, but not requiring, patients with significant memory impairment to be treated 100% remotely. The KF-mSMT is administered in clinical settings, in an in-person format. This requires that patients come to the clinic twice per week for 5 weeks to complete treatment. The current request would allow the patient to complete treatment from their own home, with the therapist located in their office. This would greatly broaden its usage. Initial rollout of the remote mSMT will involve therapists currently using the program, as remote usage is highly desirable across the world.	\$511
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	The Valley Hospital	Ridgewood	Automated Intelligent Fall Prevent Program	The Valley Hospital is seeking federal funding to expand a pilot program that employs artificial intelligence (AI) patient monitoring devices on medical surgical units to predict and prevent falls among patients with the greatest chance of having a fall while hospitalized. Specifically, Valley will deploy innovative, state of the art in-room sensor technology - called AUGi - which leverages AI to monitor patient movement and behavior within their environment to predict high-risk for falls and push warnings directly to the front-line caregiver.	\$513
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Thomas Edison State University	Trenton	TESU Health and Human Services Degree Pathways	Thomas Edison State University (TESU) proposes to establish Health and Human Services Degree Pathways that will help to address the critical challenges impacting urban communities by creating a new generation of health and human services professionals at all levels of service need. This will be accomplished through the development of innovative and community-based health and human services degree pathways that offer career pipelines for local residents and expand community access to the profession. Graduates of these programs will be prepared to address the wide range of health and human services issues facing New Jersey's urban communities and to foster a culture of equity and inclusion this sector.	\$305
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	United Way of Central Jersey	Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy Financial Opportunity Center	Funding will be used to provide comprehensive one-stop services during extended hours--evenings and weekends—to secure living wage jobs for unemployed or underemployed parents of young children and other Perth Amboy residents. The proposed Financial Opportunity Center would provide an integrated or "bundled" set of three core services for the community: employment services, financial education, and coaching and income support.	\$500

Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey	Newark	Trauma Operating Room at University Hospital	Funding will be used to build University Hospital's Trauma Operating Room and adjacent holding bays for recovery prior to transfer to the intensive care unit. The primary goal of this project is to improve health outcomes by controlling bleeding within the "golden hour" of a life-threatening injury occurring - which is challenging, given the time it takes EMS to be called and arrive on scene, assess the patient and transport them to the hospital. The most skilled trauma teams struggle to get a patient to the operating room within the critical golden hour.	\$3,870
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	YWCA Northern NJ	Bergen	Women's Support Network	YWCA Northern New Jersey is requesting funding for their comprehensive workforce development programs aimed at women in the counties of Essex, Hudson, Bergen, Morris and Passaic who are experiencing COVID-19-related unemployment. The Women's Workforce Development Program will advance economic empowerment for women through three primary outcomes: making business start-up more attainable for women, especially BIPOC women; providing professional development/certification to enable lower-wage women to be promoted; and contributing to the creation of a more supportive business environment in Bergen County.	\$500